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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The India-Pakistan Situation
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1. The US Army Attache in New Delhi believes that the Indian operations in the Sialkot-Jammu area which began 8 September could develop into the main attack on Pakistan. There are sizable and hitherto uncommitted infantry forces in the area, including the Tenth Mountain Division which recently arrived from Southern India, and possibly the 50th Parachute Brigade which has moved north from New Delhi.

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2. The Sialkot offensive, however, has not developed to the point of the "decisive battle" the attache believes possible. There apparently has been little significant advance by either side in any area. The Indian drives toward Lahore and Hyderabad remain stalled, and the Pakistani counteroffensive in the Lahore area probably has met with no major success, although it may have crossed the Indian border.

3. There have been no further indications that India intends to attack East Pakistan.

4. Unconfirmed reports of air raids continue. According to Indian sources Pakistani planes tried to bomb New Delhi and have bombed Amritsar, Jullian, Jammu, and Ferozepore, killing civilians. An unconfirmed press report states that India has staged its heaviest raid so far on Karachi.

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5. Pakistan has ordered the seizure of all Indian property as well as banning all trade between the two countries.

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7. The US Ambassador in Karachi called on Foreign Minister Bhutto to inform him that the US intends to back the UN rather than come to Pakistan's aid under the bilateral agreement. Bhutto responded that if the only reason for the agreement is to refer Pakistan to the UN, "then Pakistan might as well not have that agreement." Bhutto also took an uncompromising position on other points, demanding Indian withdrawal from all of Kashmir-- which he apparently now regards as part of Pakistan-- as a condition for a cease-fire, laying sole responsibility for the crisis on India, and attacking the UN for doing nothing about Kashmir for the past 18 years.

8. Chinese Communist Foreign Minister Chen Yi is continuing his country's propaganda attacks against India. In Algeria he labeled Indian "aggression" "an out-and-out adventure" and stated that the "Chinese people resolutely range themselves with Pakistan."

9. Pro-Pakistan sentiment continues in the Moslem world. Turkish newspaper editorials range from urging caution to pointing out that Turkey has moral and legal obligations to Pakistan. The Secretary General of the World Moslem Congress has urged all Moslems to "spare no possible moral or material support for our dear brethren in Pakistan whose struggle for Kashmir's liberation is undoubtedly a sacred jihad." More official statements, such as that of the Arab Foreign Ministers meeting in Casablanca, however, have been moderate, urging both sides to halt the fighting.

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